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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJ: CISCO TWO: PLF CHIEF STATES TWO DEMANDS FOR RELEASE

OF AMERICAN PRISONERS

REF: KHARTOUM 1878

1. FRENCH JOURNALIST BITTERLIN PLAYED FOR CHARGE PORTIONS OF AMR  
INTERVIEW TAPE ON AUGUST 5 WITH ISSAYAS AFWARKI, PRESIDENT OF  
PLF OF THE INTERIOR.

2. INTERVIEWER ASKED AFWARKI WHAT PLF WANTED TO PROVE BY THE  
KIDNAPPING. AFWARKI REPLIED THAT THE KIDNAPPING HAD BEEN DONE IN  
ORDER TO CALL ATTENTION TO US AID TO THE "SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT"  
IN ADDIS. HE ADDED THAT THE ARMS, BOMBS AND PLANES USED BY THE  
GOVERNMENT ARE AMERICAN.

3. ASKED WHAT THE PLF WANTS NOW, AFWARKI SAID THERE ARE TWO  
DEMANDS: RELEASE BY THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT OF ERITREAN PRISONERS  
(HE SAID PLF KNEW OF THREE HUNDRED BUT BELIEVED THERE WERE MANY  
MORE); AND PAYMENT BY THE US GOVERNMENT OF A RANSOM (AMOUNT NOT  
YET DECIDED).

4. COMMENT: INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE WITHIN A FEW MILES OF THE CAMP  
WHERE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL ARE HELD. BITTERLIN COULD NOT EXPLAIN  
WHY PLF HAD NOT ADVERTISED THEIR DEMANDS.

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